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ROLE OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

1. POLITIKA ARTICLE OF AUGUST 6 ACCURATELY QUOTES PRACE ARTICLE
XZ CZECHOSLOVAK DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER VEJVODA ENTITLED "IN
THE INTEREST OF EASING TENSIONS." POLITIKA QUOTES ARE ESSENTIALLY
ACCURATE BUT EMBASSY OFFERS THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS IN HOPES OF
PROVIDING CONTEXT FROM WHICH THEY WERE TAKEN. IN THIS SITUATION,
WE SEE CZECHOSLOVAKIA ONCE AGAIN SERVING BOTH AS A LIGHTENING
ROD AND A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOVIETS.

2. VEJVODA NOTES IN PRACE THAT NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT HAS BECOME
"A MAJOR FACTOR OF WORLD POLITICS" IN RECENT YEARS. NF
CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HE SAYS, HAS ALWAYS REGARDED THE MOVEMENT AS
IMPORTANT. HOWEVER, AS NOTED YOUR REFTEL HE ARGUES THAT A
PROCESS OF DIFFERENTIATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPING BETWEEN COUNTRIES
WHICH CONSISTENTLY UPHOLD THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST LINE AND THOSE
WHICH ENDEAVOR TO CHANGE THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNMENT.
VEJVODA REVIEWS THE AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE AND GOES ON TO
STATE WITH SATISFACTION THAT MANY NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES APPROVE OF
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3. LOOKING, WE THINK, TO THE RECONVENING OF MBFR TALKS IN SEPTEMBER, VEJVODA SUGGESTS THAT THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS ADDRESS THE SUBJECT OF DISARMAMENT. GOING EVEN FURTHER AND PROMOTING A PET BREZHNEV PROJECT, THE ARTICLE CONTINUES:

"IN ASIA WE ASSUME THAT, SINCE THE CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD ON ASIAN SOIL, A DECLARATION ON THE IDEA OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY IN ASIA WOULD BE A MANIFESTATION OF AN EFFORT BY ASIAN STATES TO HELP SPREAD THE PROCESS OF EASING TENSIONS TO OTHER CONTINENTS."

THE PIECE ENDS WITH A RATHER CONVENTIONAL STATEMENT OF VEJVODA'S CONVICTION THAT THE COLOMBO CONFERENCE WILL "CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING OF SOLIDARITY BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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